

**Introduced by Senator Escutia**February 5, 2003

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An act relating to school facilities.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 123, as introduced, Escutia. School restrooms: maintenance.

Existing law provides for the maintenance and repair of school facilities by school districts.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that every public school has restroom facilities that are clean, operational, and stocked at all times with soap and paper supplies and that the number of restroom facilities in each public school are adequate to serve the school's population.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares  
2 the following:

3 (1) Hand washing is the first line of defense against infectious  
4 disease. Hand washing is especially critical before eating or  
5 handling food. When school restrooms are locked or inadequately  
6 stocked with soap and paper supplies, pupils and staff are put at  
7 greater risk for developing health problems.

8 (2) Pupils and staff who are unable to use restrooms during the  
9 schoolday due to inadequate numbers of open facilities and those  
10 who avoid using the restroom because of unsanitary conditions  
11 commonly develop urinary tract or bladder infections.



1 (3) The discomfort and poor hygiene resulting from inadequate  
2 and neglected restroom facilities is demeaning to children,  
3 adolescents, and adults on schoolsites.

4 (b) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to ensure that  
5 every public school in California has restroom facilities that are  
6 clean, operational, and stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap,  
7 and paper towels or hand dryers, and that the number of restroom  
8 facilities in each public school are adequate to serve the school's  
9 population.

